

Chairman Ajit Pai,

I am a citizen of Colorado and find the recent attacks on net neutrality abhorrent. I listened to your interview on NPR this morning and was surprised by your lack of concern over the possible implications of ending net neutrality. Your example was to highlight that medical related websites could increase their speed and viewership to benefit clients/consumers. However, as an individual in the nonprofit sector I can assure you lots of organizations that rely on the internet for outreach cannot expand their budgets to cover fees related to marketing, advertising, or web interfaces for service provision. In response you suggested unfair competition was in the domain of the FTC. However, why would you deregulate an industry and make the only power to control unfair actions punitive. Instead, service providers need to know from the start that hindering the use and speed of service is an immoral and more importantly illegal act.

Without net neutrality the "little guys" are hung out to dry as large corporations (Comcast, etc.) pool their influence to change our media consumption habits. Instead of a free flow of information, which is necessary to an informed populous, we will have media that is curated to the point of lacking diversity of perspective. Freedom of information is more important than ever and a free and open internet is key to its survival.

The internet has become a necessary part of Americans lives similar to electricity and running water. The United States had always stepped in to regulate these for the good of the people and not extending this regulation to internet service providers sets us up to fail. Technological innovation is the keystone of growth in our country and by squashing small startups with the end of net neutrality you are harming the economy as a whole.

I request that you leave behind the notion of ending regulation and support net neutrality to the benefit of business and all citizens.

Regards,

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